

**Maryland Historical Trust
Determination of Eligibility Form**

Property Name: Daniels Mill (Elysville, Gary, Alberton Mill) Inventory Number: BA-29 / HO-27
Address: Daniels Road Historic District: Yes ☒ No
City: Woodstock Zip Code: 21163 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): _____
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Daniels Dam Removal Agency: USFWS
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 03/13/2013
Documentation Is Presented In: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility Recommended ☒ Eligibility Not Recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: Yes Listed: Yes
Site Visit by MHT Staff: Yes No Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

At the time it was placed on the National Register in 1973, Daniels Mill included seven early industrial buildings, a number of twentieth century industrial buildings, a post office, a company store, multiple churches, and a number of houses on the Howard County side of the river. The boundaries of the National Register-listed area were not precisely defined.

As of 2013, the only features of the town that were still visible were two churches, one of the later industrial buildings, ruins from a few of the older industrial buildings, the dam, a smokestack, piers and a few other context-less industrial features. The district has insufficient integrity to represent its past and is no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The churches have not been evaluated as individual resources.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility Recommended: Eligibility Not Recommended: ☒
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
MHT Comments: District has lost integrity
Jonathan Sager 3/13/13
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
[Signature] 3/19/13
Reviewer, National Register Program Date

MAK # - 1400272414

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Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Howard	
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1. NAME	
COMMON: Daniels Mill	
AND/OR HISTORIC: CR Daniels Mill, Elysiville Mill, Gary Mill, Alberton Mill	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: (Old Alberton Road) Daniels Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Daniels	
STATE Maryland	CODE Howard
	CODE 027

3. CLASSIFICATION	
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisitions: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: C.R. Daniels, Inc.	
STREET AND NUMBER: Alberton Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Daniels	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Howard County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER: Church Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Elicott City	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1968	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust	
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The C.R. Daniels Mill is located in a sheltered, wooded valley of the upper Patapsco River. The complex consists of seven early industrial structures, several concrete block and brick structures of recent date (20th Century), and a church on the side of the hill. An extensive complex of mill-hand houses, formerly numbering around ninety units, and a Catholic church were demolished in 1968. Many of the former houses were located in Baltimore County, but the only remaining structures are located in Howard County.

At least three of the buildings at Daniels have religious overtones, echoing the prevalent nineteenth century Christian ethic of the virtuosity of work. The complex appears to have developed on three sides of a courtyard with the south side open and facing the railroad. The main building is on the west side of the courtyard. Most of the courtyard has been engulfed by a low concrete block building.

The main structure is a three story granite building with the facade resembling a simple church with Gothic and Romanesque elements. In place of a spire atop the central tower, there is an octagonal domed federal bell cote on platform, resembling an English garden pavillion. Flanking the central tower entrance are one-story crenelated additions, both with semicircular headed openings repeating the design of the central entrance. Above the entrance is a two-story arched window and a rose window. There are rusticated granite quoins on the corners of the tower and around the windows of the facade. The "A" roof of the body of the mill is broken on both sides of the ridge by a range of clerestory windows. The windows along the sides of the structure have been filled in, and part of the building is obscured by a low concrete block building.

The central building of the complex is constructed of brick in the Romanesque style. Its gable faces what used to be the courtyard and is three full storys tall and three bays wide. The bays are divided by pilasters extending from the ground to the pediment. The pairs of windows have protruding semicircular arches.

Although the facade of the structure on the east of the courtyard is hidden behind a concrete block structure, it is built of granite in the late Victorian style. Its tower was formerly open beneath the truncated spire. The body of the church is covered with a hipped roof and the rafter-ends are exposed. Plain rectangular windows are enhanced by the use of decorative sash.

Two other buildings in the courtyard are both three storys tall, one of granite, the other of rubble stone. The former has two towers projecting above the roof, one with a pyramidal roof, the other flat.

On the far west of the complex is a long two-story granite warehouse, and on the far east is a one-story brick Post Office. The latter was originally a two-story company store building.

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South of the mill buildings on the north slope of a hill stands Gary Memorial Church, a granite church built in the High Victorian Gothic style. It is a four bay long structure with an off-center tower entrance on the west gable. Variation of color is achieved by the use of bricks at water table and sill height. The keystones of the brick arches are granite. Beneath the overhanging eave with its exposed and decorative rafter-ends is a course of brick corbels. Pilaster strips place emphasis on the otherwise plain windows. Both the south entrance and the north tower entrance are covered with a bracketed hood with pierced fretwork. The same delicate fret is used in the lancet opening of the tower. The upper stage of the tower is corbeled out and from it rises a steeply pitched pyramidal spire. Four dormer-like windows light the lower part of the spire.

South of the church is a small cemetery. West of the church and connected thereto is a one-story brick rectory or hall.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniels Mill is an important nineteenth century textile mill that continues to produce cotton a century after its construction. The mill is located on the Patapsco River which, with the Jones Falls, comprised the chief location of mill activity in the Baltimore area.

In the nineteenth century an industrial village existed on the site, including stores, a railroad station, a school, and several mill workers houses. The large majority of these supportive structures have been demolished in the 1960's leaving only the mill to interpret the importance of the site in the industrial history of Maryland.

In 1829 Thomas Ely and four other men incorporated the Elysville Manufacturing Company empowered to manufacture cotton textiles. Under Ely's direction the company acquired almost 200 acres along the Patapsco at a crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks. Between August 1845 and the Spring of 1846 the company erected the mill.¹

During the fall of 1845 Thomas Ely and his brothers were negotiating with Baltimore textile merchants to obtain additional financial backing. One of the brothers, Colonel Hugh Ely, was a state senator and did the "log rolling" in the assembly for a bill which created the Okisko Company which provided the Elys with an additional \$25,000.00 capital.

For a brief period in 1847 and 1848 the mill produced cotton goods before an injunction halted operations. The mill remained idle while the Okisko Company and the Elysville Company contested the ownership of the property in the courts.

The bankrupt Okisko Company won the suit and conveyed the property to the Alberton Manufacturing Company incorporated in 1853 and most probably named for Jacob Albert who had loaned money to the Okisko Company taking title to their property as security. The mill village took its name from the company and was called Alberton at least through the 1870's.

At the end of the 1850's another newly incorporated organization, the Sagonan Manufacturing Company, took over the assets of the Alberton Company. The directors included a director from the Alberton Company and James S. Gary who in the 1860's bought the property and created still another firm which operated the mill until the 1940's when the C.R. Daniels Company took control.²

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Nancy Miller, Michael O. Bourne, Orlando Ridout
Maryland Historical Trust, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39	19	09	76	49	04				
NE	39	19	09	76	48	29				
SE	39	18	54	76	48	29				
SW	39	18	54	76	49	04				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 105 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Arthur Townsend - Associate Director for Field Services and staff

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July 3, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date

July 10, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Footnotes-----1

The Elysville - Okisko Company suit and its background are thoroughly documented in Chancery Papers #7664 at the Hall of Records.

²In 1860 the mill was the only textile producing operation in Howard County. It employed 50 men and 120 women to operate its 120 looms and 3,000 spindles. The mill made oznabrug, twill and yarn. See Eighth Census, 1860, Manufactures, Maryland. [original], Maryland State Library, Annapolis, Maryland. In 1895 it had 340 looms and 14,000 spindles. See Textile World, (July 1895), 105.

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Chancery Papers #7664.

Howard County Chattel Records.

Howard County Land Records.

Martenet, Simon J. "Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland".
Baltimore: John Schofield, 1860.

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Genealogy and Biography of the Leading Families of Baltimore.
n.p.: Chapman Publishing Company, 1897

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ELLIPTON CITY QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale 1:24,000
photorevised 1961

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lat. 39° 18' 54" long. 76° 48' 29"
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DANIELS MILL

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Daniels Mill

located 7/22/70

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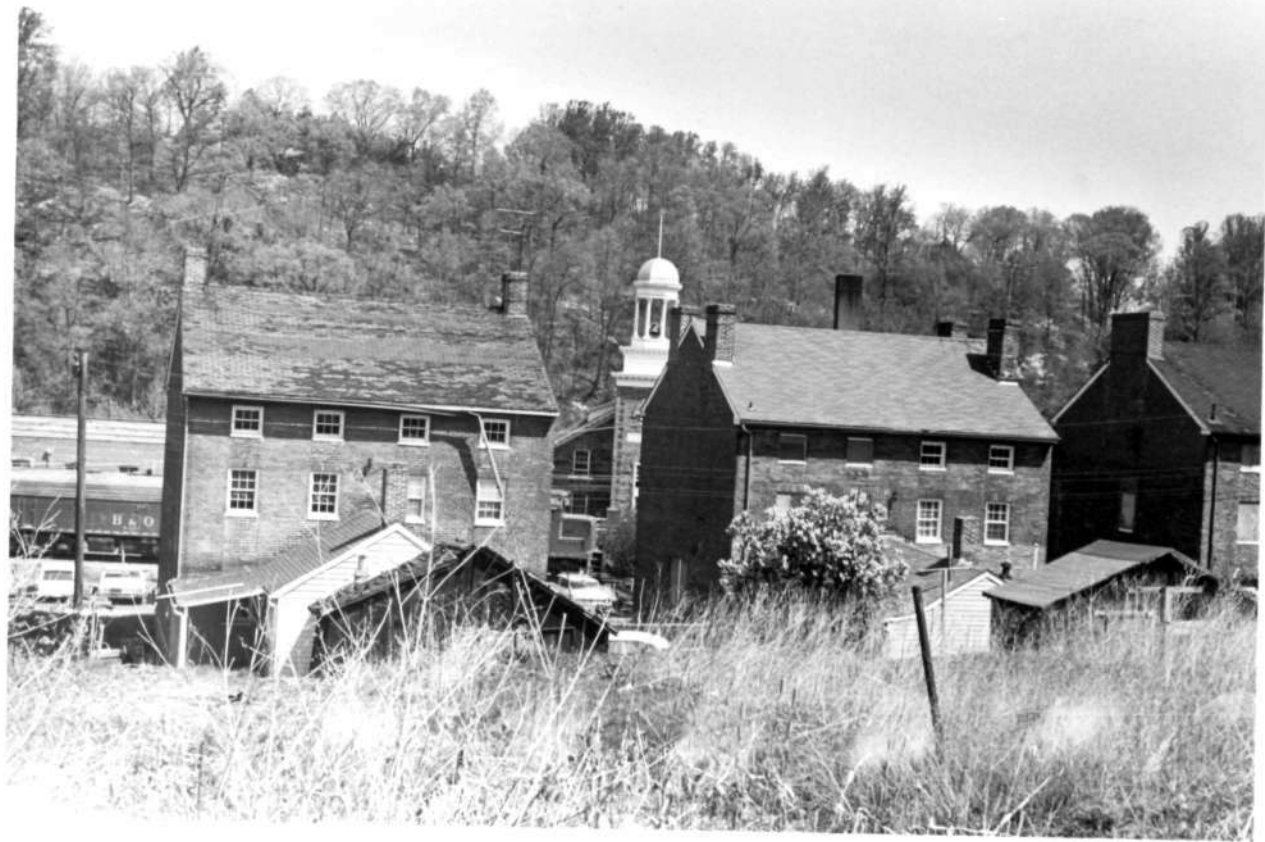


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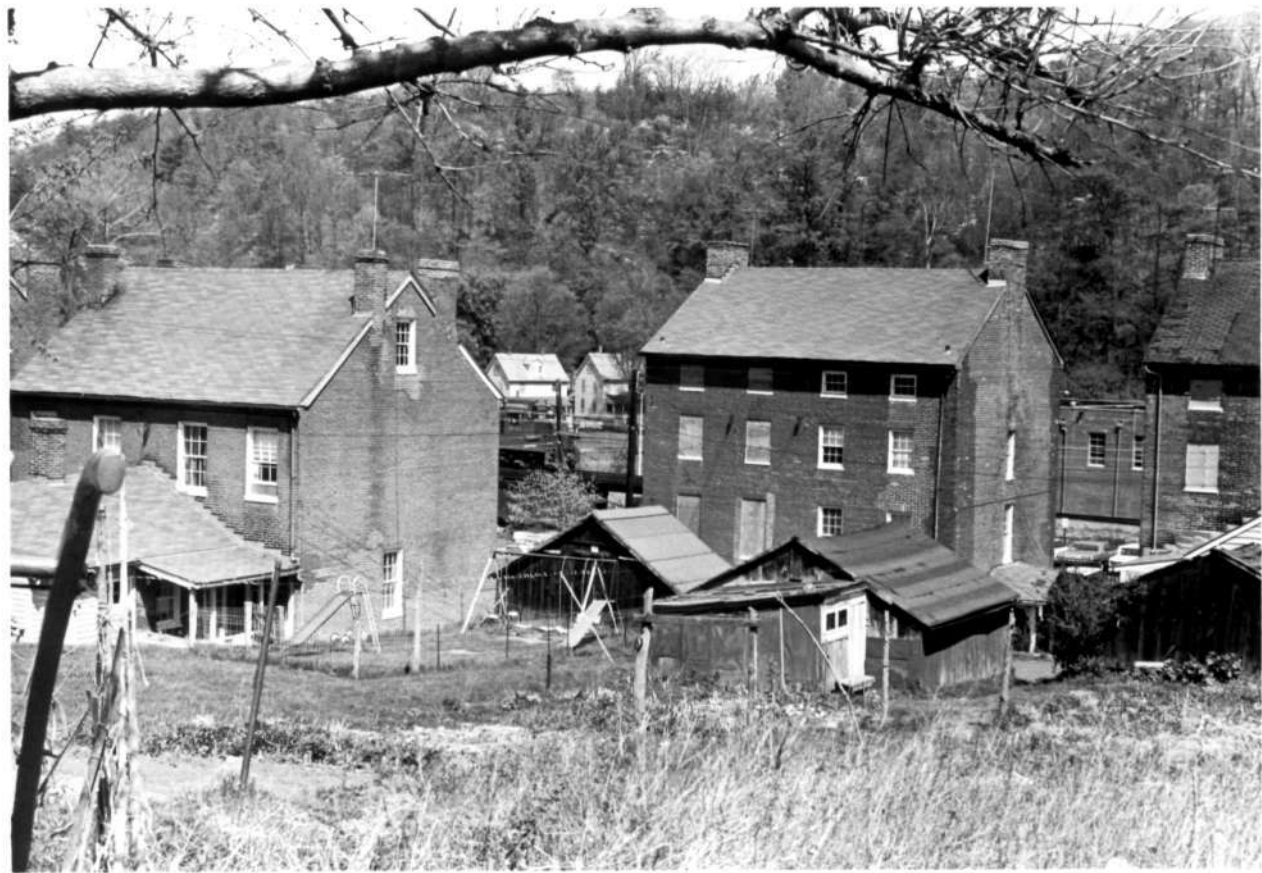
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Looking into town from behind the
houses on the Howard County side

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Looking into town from
behind houses on Howard Street

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Looking into town from the Howard County side.

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Looking across the wooden bridge
to the front of the houses on
the Howard County side

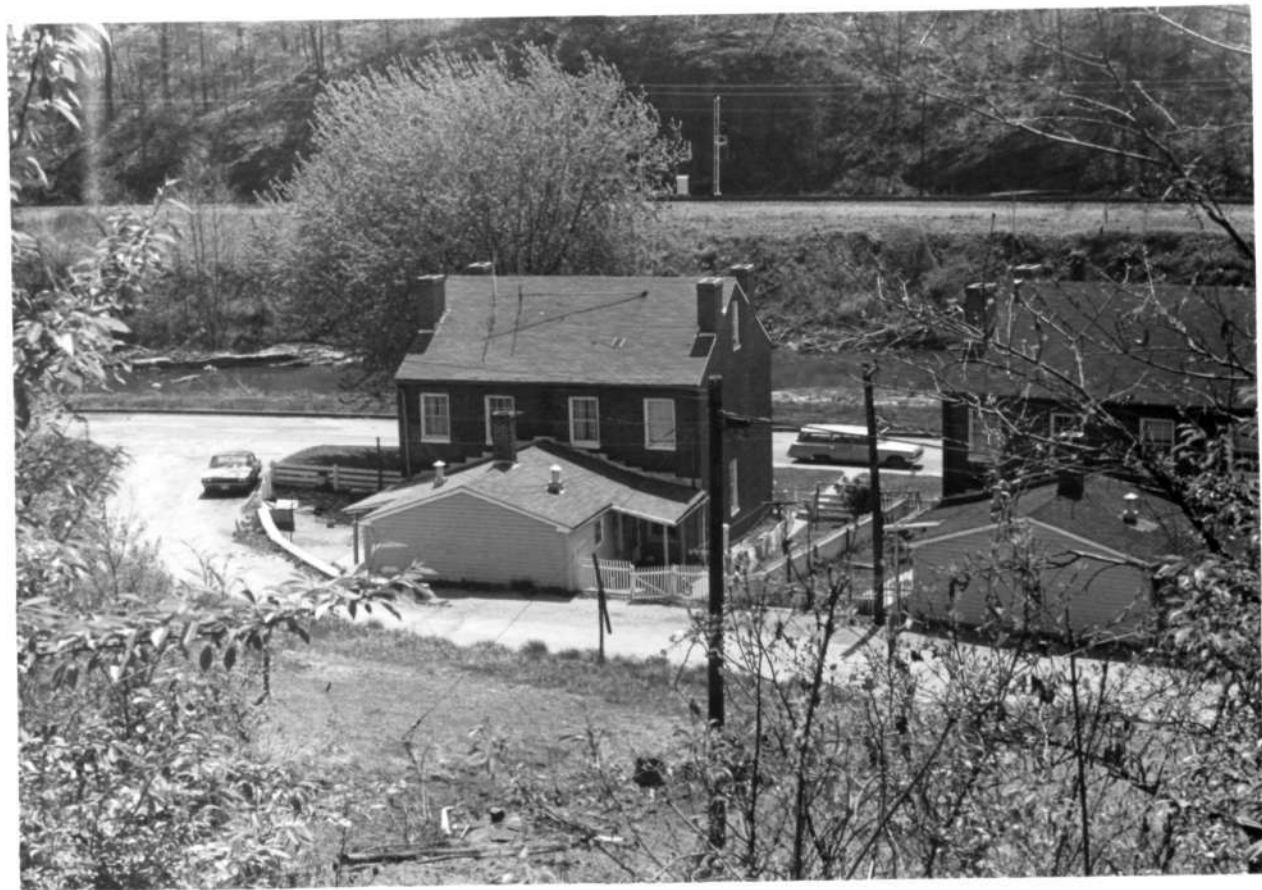
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Looking into Mill on Howard. Lower side

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Back of one of the houses on the
lower road, Baltimore County, Md.

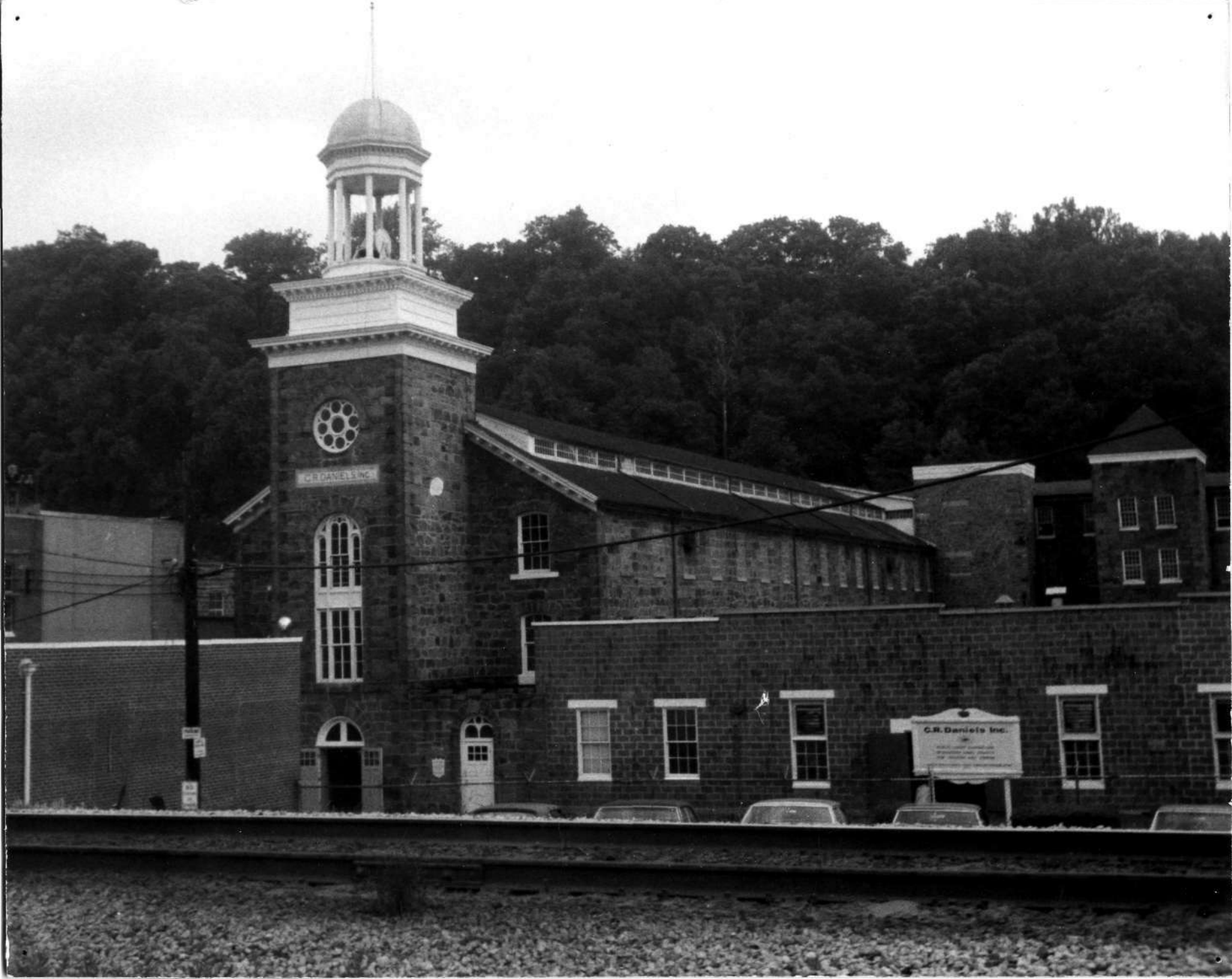
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Frame houses, Baltimore County, Md.

Most of these burned down of May 1904

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